

The 15th of the foresaicj month, we departed from Cura9ao; not a little to the rejoicing of our Captain and us, that we had there ended our traffic [*i.e., in hides*]. But notwithstanding our sweet meat, we had sour sauce ! For, by reason of our riding [in] so open a sea : what with blasts (wherewith our anchors, being aground, three at once came home), and also with contrary winds blowing (whereby, for fear of the shore, we were fain to haul off to have anchor hold) sometimes a whole day and a night, we turned [*tacked*] up and down. And this happened not once, but half a dozen times, m the space of our being there.

The 16th, we passed by an island, called Aruba [*Qvuba*]. The 17th, at night, we anchored six hours, at the west end of Cape de la Vela: and, m the morning, being the 18th, weighed again, keeping our course. In the which time, the Captain sailing by the shore in the pinnace, came to the Rancheria, a place where the Spaniards used to fish for pearls; and there spoke with a Spaniard, who told him how far off he was from Rio de la Hacha: which, because he would not overshoot, he anchored that night again, And the 19th, came thither.

Where, having talk with the King's Treasurer of the Indies, lesident there, he declared his quiet traffic at Burboroata; and shewed a certificate of the same, made by the Governor theieof: and therefore he desired to have the like there also.

But the Treasuier made answer that " They were forbidden by the Viceroy and Council at Santo Domingo; who having intelligence of our being on the coast, did send express commission to resist us with all the force they could, insomuch that they durst not traffic with us in any case/" alleging that " If they did, they should lose all that they did traffic for"; besides their bodies at the Magistrate's commandment."

Our Captain replied, that *' He was in an *Armada* of the Queen's Majesty's of England, and sent about her other affairs; but driven besides his pretended [*intended*] voyage, was enforced by contrary winds to come into those parts, where he hoped to find such friendship as he should do in Spain : to the contrary whereof, he knew no reason, in that there was amity betwixt their Princes. But seeing they would, contrary to all reason, go about to withstand his